

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

January 2016

On January 1 the City of West Lafayette officially became a Class 2 city and with it came the creation of an elected City Clerk and the appointment of a Controller as chief financial officer.

- Sana Booker was elected City Clerk who will preside over the Board of Works meetings and, among a host of other duties, is responsible for the public notification of all official activities and meetings and the filing and safekeeping of all municipal documents. Sana obtained the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from DePaul University and the Masters of Science in Human Resource Management from Capella University.
- Peter Gray was appointed by Mayor Dennis as Controller. Peter obtained an Associates in Electrical Engineering Technology; the Bachelor's of Science in Accounting; and the Masters of Science in Management (MBA) from Purdue University. He is extremely qualified for this new role with the City having 20+ years of senior-level experience in finance and accounting in both corporate and manufacturing environments in the private sector. Peter was also former Commissioner of the City of West Lafayette Redevelopment Commission.

The City Council now has six districts instead of five, and three at-large council members, instead of two. The City's council members were elected in November. New to the council are: Aseem Jha, 3rd District; Larry Leverenz, 4th District; Norris Wang, 6th District. The new at-large councilor, who represents the entire city, is David Sanders. Peter Bunder was voted City Council's President for 2016, and he will preside over the meetings. Councilor Steve Dietrich was voted City Council's Vice President.

New Hires

The City welcomed two Entry-Level Firefighters at a January 5 swearing in ceremony at the Morton Community Center.

- Eric Lamb is a McCutcheon H.S. graduate who previously served on the Ft. Wayne and Monticello fire departments. He is an EMT-Paramedic and has multiple firefighter certifications.
- Michael Parsons is a McCutcheon H.S. graduate who has served as a volunteer firefighter for the Town of Clarks Hill for eleven years. He is an EMT-Basic and has the Firefighter I and II certifications.

Chad Spitznagle joined the Engineering Department as Deputy Building Commissioner on January 5. Chad obtained an Associate's degree from Vincennes University and a Bachelor's and the Masters of Public Administration from Ball State University. He brings a wealth of experience in the building review and inspection process having been previously employed by the City of Westfield as Building Commissioner.

Angela Cruz-Hernandez joined the Wastewater Treatment Utility as Part-Time Laboratory Technician on January 7. Angela completed the Bachelors of Science in Chemistry from Florida

International University and is a current Master's student at Purdue University hoping to go into the EPA upon graduation.

Karla Hiser joined the Police Department as Records Division Clerk on January 11. Karla has a degree from Purdue University and brings a wealth of customer service experience to the position having worked as a Service Associate at Lafayette Bank and Trust.

Jeremy Hood was hired by the Wastewater Treatment Utility as Operator on January 12. Jeremy graduated from North Newton H.S. and attended Ivy Technical Community College majoring in Energy Technology. Jeremy and his family are in the process of relocating back to Indiana from Columbia, Tennessee.

Lindsey Strawser joined the Clerk's Office as Part-Time Administrative Assistant on January 12. She is a North Montgomery H.S. graduate who is currently working on completing a Paralegal degree. Lindsey is familiar with the city operations having worked as a temporary in the Clerk-Treasurer's office for several months last year.

Employment Milestones

The City of West Lafayette would like to express its appreciation to the following employees for having obtained a major employment milestone:

15 years

- Jerry Burk – Neighborhood Resource Officer, Police Department. (Jerry previously retired as Lieutenant of Patrol from the WLPD.)
- Adam Ferguson – Police Officer 1st Class, Police Department

Retirement

Congratulations to Kathryn McIntosh who retired after 15 years as Records Division Clerk from the Police Department on January 4.